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COMPLAINT FORM

(for filers who are prisoners without lawyers)

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Southern DISTRICT OF Indiana

(Full name of plaintiff(s))

Craig Timothy Smith

vs

(Full name of defendant(s))

Bartholomew Co. Jail

Sheriff Matt Myers

Officer D. Mesel

Case Number:

1 : 20 -CV- 0038 SEB -MJD

(to be supplied by clerk of court)

A. PARTIES

1. Plaintiff is a citizen of Indiana, and is located at
(State)

Bartholomew Co. Jail 543 Second St. Columbus, IN
(Address of prison or jail) 47201

(If more than one plaintiff is filing, use another piece of paper).

2. Defendant Bartholomew Co Jail, Sheriff Matt Myers, Officer D. Mesel
(Name)

is (if a person or private corporation) a citizen of Indiana
(State, if known)
and (if a person) resides at 543 2nd St. Columbus, IN. 47201
(Address, if known)
and (if the defendant harmed you while doing the defendant's job)
worked for Bartholomew Co. Jail
(Employer's name and address, if known)

(If you need to list more defendants, use another piece of paper.)

B. STATEMENT OF CLAIM

On the space provided on the following pages, tell:

1. Who violated your rights;
2. What each defendant did;
3. When they did it;
4. Where it happened; and
5. Why they did it, if you know.

Plaintiff Craig T. Smith is an inmate in the Bartholomew Co. Jail in Columbus, IN. On December 2, 2019, at approx 3 pm he was asked to step out of the block at which time he was handed attorney client correspondence which the facility had opened prior to him being present. They laughed it off, said sorry, sent him back to his cell. Attorney client correspondence I believe is protected by your 4th amendment Constitutional Right. He was called to the hall so that there was no witnesses to this (but there is video in the

in the hall. Legal mail is usually brought right in with the rest of mail. But the break down begins with a negligent facility not training each officer how to properly deliver the legal mail. Some open it, some have you open it, some don't care. So I see a negligence on the facility represented by the Sheriff, Matt Myers, to negligence on Officer D. Megal, for delivering the opened mail.

Plaintiff Filed the jail grievance's, were responded to saying they didn't open it on purpose

Yet the harm being as they violated my constitutional rights and try to act like it's no big deal. I couldn't accidentally shoot someone and say "no harm no foul," "I didn't do it on purpose". I would be held accountable and charged to the fullest extent of the law. Therefore I feel for violating my constitutional rights, infringing



upon his attorney client confidentiality,
that they also should be held
accountable.

C. JURISDICTION

☒ I am suing for a violation of federal law under 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

OR

☐ I am suing under state law. The state citizenship of the plaintiff(s) is (are) different from the state citizenship of every defendant, and the amount of money at stake in this case (not counting interest and costs) is \$_____.

D. RELIEF WANTED

Describe what you want the court to do if you win your lawsuit. Examples may include an award of money or an order telling defendants to do something or stop doing something.

I would like suit filed in the amount
75000⁰⁰ per defendant, a written letter
of apology, and a more uniformed
procedure in the handling of legal correspondence.

E. JURY DEMAND

☐ Jury Demand - I want a jury to hear my case
OR

☒ Court Trial - I want a judge to hear my case

Dated this 30 day of December 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig T. Smith
Signature of Plaintiff

Plaintiff's Prisoner ID Number

543 Second Street
Columbus, Indiana 47201
(Mailing Address of Plaintiff)

(If more than one plaintiff, use another piece of paper).

REQUEST TO PROCEED IN DISTRICT COURT WITHOUT PREPAYING THE FILING FEE

☒ I DO request that I be allowed to file this complaint without paying the filing fee. I have completed a request to proceed in the district court without prepaying the fee and attached it to the complaint.

☐ I DO NOT request that I be allowed to file this complaint without prepaying the filing fee under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, and I have included the full filing fee with this complaint.